(b) whether local witnesses have confirmed that they had sighted the aircraft flying lower over this area; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the case and why no action was taken against this introducing aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The claim of local witnesses sighting an aircraft could not be substantiated and was found to be incorrect.

Ranking of India in corruption

1535. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a globally recognised annual survey of corruption has put India at No. 71 in a list of 102 countries as reported in the Hindustan Times of August 29, 2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Attempt to hijack Air Seychelles Aircraft

1536. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether investigation have been made to establish the motive and the manner in which the alleged hijack attempt on Air Seychelles was made in September, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to make security check at airports more fool-proof?